

## *Falcapennis canadensis* (Spruce Grouse)

### Priority 3 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)

**Class:** Aves (Birds)

**Order:** Galliformes (Grouse, Quail, And Allies)

**Family:** Phasianidae (Grouse, Ptarmigans, Pheasants, Partridges, And Turkey)

#### General comments:

Population numbers and trends not known, vary from rare to relatively common

#### Species Conservation Range Maps for Spruce Grouse:

Town Map: [Falcapennis canadensis\\_Towns.pdf](#)

Subwatershed Map: [Falcapennis canadensis\\_HUC12.pdf](#)

#### SGCN Priority Ranking - Designation Criteria:

**Risk of Extirpation:** NA

**State Special Concern or NMFS Species of Concern:** NA

**Recent Significant Declines:** NA

**Regional Endemic:** NA

**High Regional Conservation Priority:** NA

**High Climate Change Vulnerability:**

Vulnerability: 3, Confidence: High, Reviewers: Decided in Workshop (W)

**Understudied rare taxa:**

Recently documented or poorly surveyed rare species for which risk of extirpation is potentially high (e.g. few known occurrences) but insufficient data exist to conclusively assess distribution and status. \*criteria only qualifies for Priority 3 level SGCN\*

Notes:

Spruce grouse information is lacking in regards to population size, distribution and incidental take during the ruffed grouse hunting season.

**Historical:** NA

**Culturally Significant:** NA

#### Habitats Assigned to Spruce Grouse:

##### Formation Name      Boreal Upland Forest

Macrogroup Name      Boreal Upland Forest

Habitat System Name: Acadian Low Elevation Spruce-Fir-Hardwood Forest

Habitat System Name: Acadian Sub-boreal Spruce Flat

Habitat System Name: Acadian-Appalachian Montane Spr-Fir-Hwd Forest

Habitat System Name: Boreal Jack Pine-Black Spruce Forest

##### Formation Name      Northeastern Upland Forest

Macrogroup Name      Northern Hardwood & Conifer

Habitat System Name: Northern Hardwood & Conifer Macrogroup - Unknown Habitat System

#### Stressors Assigned to Spruce Grouse:

No Stressors Currently Assigned to Spruce Grouse or other Priority 3 SGCN.

#### Species Level Conservation Actions Assigned to Spruce Grouse:

No Species Specific Conservation Actions Currently Assigned to Spruce Grouse or other Priority 3 SGCN.

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**Guild Level Conservation Actions:**

This Species is currently not attributed to a guild.

**Broad Taxonomic Group Conservation Actions:**

Relevant conservation actions for this species are assigned within broader taxonomic groups in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-1.

**Habitat Based Conservation Actions:**

Additional conservation actions that may benefit habitat(s) associated with this species can be found in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-15. Click on the Habitat Grouping of interest to launch a habitat based report summarizing relevant conservation actions and associated SGCN.

*The Wildlife Action Plan was developed through a lengthy participatory process with state agencies, targeted conservation partners, and the general public. The Plan is non-regulatory. The species, stressors, and voluntary conservation actions identified in the Plan complement, but do not replace, existing work programs and priorities by state agencies and partners.*